



SSA #34 Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2008 –3:30pm

Combined Insurance

5050 N. Broadway, 1st Floor Personnel Conference Room

DRAFT Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Terry Tuohy (President), Tom Cameron, Eric Cheng, Chip Long, Chuck Lawrence, Warren Preis, Ray Rickert

Comissioners Absent

Margaret Haywood (Secretary), David Rettker (Treasurer), Jennifer Martin, Steve Milford, Mitch Schneider

Others in attendance:

Joyce Dugan, CEO, Uptown United
Wally Rozak, SSA #34 Administrator, Uptown United
Kelly Cheng, Sun-Wah BBQ, 1134 W. Argyle St.

Meeting called to order at 3:41 pm

1. Public Input

No Public Input

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for July meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

3. Discussion of Contracts

Tuohy provided a recap - At last meeting Cleanslate and Cleanstreet presented and talked about their proposals & organizations. The Streetcleaning Subcommittee met and looked at the difference in price. We asked Cleanslate to rebid at a lower price. Also, Uptown United staff met with Cleanslate and both Streets & San superintendents for their input into building in a component to empty City of Chicago trash receptacles within the SSA. Cleanslate will work with us to determine the most effective location & frequency of receptacle cleaning. The Committee recommended acceptance of the Cleanslate contract of seven days service including receptacle component and a limit of 5% increase in cost over 2008

E. Cheng cautioned about private business use of and fly dumping into of the City's receptacles. Rozak noted that this issue has come up in other SSAs particularly once the community was accustomed to additional service of the receptacles.

Re: the bid for Snow Removal services, Cleanslate provided the lowest bid of three.

Motion to accept the Cleanslate contract for streetcleaning/litter removal as discussed and with a cap of 5% increase for calendar 2009. Long seconded. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to accept Cleanslate Snow Removal Contract. Cameron seconded. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Committee for Holiday Decorations has not met yet.

Motion and unanimous vote to add a Commission meeting for Tuesday, October 21st at 3:30pm at Combined Insurance.

4. Discussion of Security Cameras

Rozak provided an overview of public safety concerns throughout Uptown over the summer and the formation of ad hoc groups to constructively address the concerns. One issue that had come up is that of SSA funds being used to subsidize Chicago Police public way cameras.

Potential options to encourage private investment in security systems had been discussed by Uptown United staff. (e.g. rebates to businesses and property owners).

Staff wanted to share the info & ideas that have been circulating at various meetings and on the internet to start the conversation of how SSA can address the larger public safety issue. As of yet, there has been no formal request of the SSA Commissioners.

Chip Long noted the desire to have basic financial statements on hand at subsequent meetings.

Dugan noted that it isn't a question of there being extra money in the budget. The question becomes one of cutting back on some services and reallocating the budget.

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of public safety: whether 'blue light' cameras reinforce a perception of an area as bad and crime-filled and of their overall effectiveness; frequency of theft, internal theft within businesses, and gang activities in and around Uptown

Dugan noted that Business Partners has established a Public Safety Committee and that the SSA should be involved in order to not duplicate efforts.

Ideas were discussed about: conversations with and surveys of local businesses to determine existing use of and coverage by private cameras; holding Public Safety Meetings; educating businesses about actions they can take.

Some felt that if the Commission should seek to: support private efforts relating to security cameras; to distribute any support from the SSA throughout the district; and encourage action & involvement from individual merchants & property owners.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 4:22 pm.